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SUBJECT: REPORT ON U.S. ADVISORY MISSION ON SAG SOCIAL INSURANCE

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1. UPON MY ARRIVAL IN SAUDI ARABIA IT PROVED NECESSARY TO ASSUME INITIATIVE TO RECAST IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES, ORGANIZATION, PROCEDURES AND SYSTEM ON FIRST AND SECOND STAGES OF THE SOCIAL INSURANCE PROGRAM. REVISIONS WERE MADE CONCURRENTLY WITH DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE AND COVERAGE. FAVORABLE ACCEPTANCE AND ATTITUDE OF SAUDIS SO FAR IS ENCOURAGING REGARDING FUTURE U.S. ROLE, BUT CONTINGENT OF COURSE ON EVOLVING U.S. MIDDLE EAST POLICY.

2. PROGRESS WAS DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR AND DCM NOV 6. OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE AND CONTINUING U.S. PRESENCE IN THE SOCIAL AND LABOR REFORM AREAS WERE OUTLINED. OPTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED IN DETAIL IN THE LIGHT OF NEW U.S. POLICY DEVELOPMENTS ON RETURN TO U.S. WHICH CONTEMPLATED PRIOR TO MIDDLE OF DECEMBER.

3. THERE IS A PROMISE OF REAL OPPORTUNITY FOR U.S. TO ACCOMPLISH MAJOR OBJECTIVE
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